

Architectural Inventory Form

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I. IDENTIFICATION

1. Resource number: **5BL6737**
2. Temporary number: **N/A**
3. County: **Boulder**
4. City: **Longmont**
5. Historic building name: **Jones House / Nesbitt House**
6. Current building name: **Lucile's Creole Cafe**
7. Building address: **518 Kimbark Street**
8. Owner name: **Judith L. Green**
Owner address: **4046 26th Street**
Boulder, CO 80304

II. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

9. P.M. **6th** Township **2N** Range **69W**
NE¹/₄ of **SW¹/₄** of **SW¹/₄** of **NE¹/₄** of section **3**
10. UTM reference
Zone **13**
Easting: **491460**
Northing: **4446220**
11. USGS quad name: **Longmont, Colorado**
Year: **1968** (**Photorevised 1979**) **7.5'**
12. Lot(s): **10, 11** Block: **41**
Addition: **Longmont Original Town** Year of Addition **1872**
13. Boundary Description and Justification: **This legally defined parcel encompasses but does not exceed the land historically associated with this property.**

22. Architectural style /
building type:

Other Style (Wood Frame Hipped and Gabled Roof Dwelling)

Official Eligibility Determination

(OAHP use only)

- Date _____ Initials _____
- ____ Determined Eligible - National Register
- ____ Determined Not Eligible - National Register
- ____ Determined Eligible - State Register
- ____ Determined Not Eligible - State Register
- ____ Needs Data
- ____ Contributes to eligible National Register District
- ____ Noncontributing to eligible National Register District

III. ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

14. Building plan (footprint, shape):
Irregular Plan
15. Dimensions in feet **2190 square feet**
16. Number of stories: **1.5**
17. Primary external wall material
Wood / Horizontal Siding
Wood / Shingle
18. Roof configuration (enter one):
Hipped Roof / Gable-on-Hip Roof
19. Primary external roof material (enter one):
Asphalt Roof / Composition Roof
20. Special features (enter all that apply):
Porch
Decorative Shingles
Chimneys

21. General Architectural Description

Lucile's Creole Café is located at 518 Kimbark Street, in Longmont's oldest residential neighborhood, east of downtown. The building is set back approximately twenty-seven feet from the street, with a wide grass strip separating a curving front sidewalk from the curb. Oriented to the west, the building is supported by a coursed sandstone foundation. Walls on the south, west and east elevations are painted yellow horizontal wood siding, with 1" by 4" corner boards. The north elevation wall is painted yellow board-and-batten. The roof features intersecting hipped and gabled roof forms, with red asphalt shingles and boxed eaves. Two red brick chimneys are located on the roof ridge. Windows, for the most part, have been altered from their original configuration. Window patterns include a variety of single-light casement, 6-light casements, 1/1 double-hung sash, single-light fixed-panes, and 1x1 horizontal sliders. A non-historic oval window penetrates the façade wall in the upper gable end of the west elevation. The building's front entry door has also been altered from the original. Paired, single-light, glass-in-wood-frame entry doors lead into the café from a 5-step red brick porch on the west elevation. The entry is partially recessed under a gable roof. Two, painted white, glass-in-wood-frame doors open into an outdoor dining area on the building's south elevation. A service entrance door is located at the east end of the south elevation.

A garage is located near the alley, east of the house. This is a one-story square-shaped building measuring 18' N-S by 18' E-W. The garage is supported by a concrete foundation and floor, and features painted brown board-and-batten, and horizontal weatherboard, exterior walls. The roof is a moderately-pitched front gable, with grey asphalt shingles, and exposed rafter ends. Two 4-light hopper windows, with painted brown wood frames and surrounds are located on the garage's west elevation. Two sets of paired beadboard garage doors, side hinged with metal strap hinges, open onto the alley on the east elevation. There have been no additions, and only minimal alterations, to the garage's original construction.

22. Architectural style / building type:

Please see front page.

23. Landscape or setting special features:

This building is located on the east side of Kimbark Street in one of Longmont's oldest core residential neighborhoods. The area, which was platted in 1872 as part of Longmont's original townsite, is now home to a mixture of single-family residences, small retail shops, professional offices, and a few small apartment buildings.

24. Associated buildings, features, or objects

Garage

IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY

25. Date of Construction:
Estimate **ca. 1898**
Actual

Source of information:
1895 1900 Sanborn maps; "Water Ledger City of Longmont, 1907-1910."

26. Architect:
n/a

Source of information:
n/a

27. Builder/ Contractor:
unknown

Source of information:
n/a

28. Original owner:
B.F. Jones (probably)

Source of information:
"Water Ledger City of Longmont 1907-1910."

29. Construction History (include description and dates of major additions, alterations, or demolitions):

Boulder County Assessor records list 1910 as this building's year of construction. Sanborn insurance maps and Longmont water record, though, indicate that it was actually built between 1895 and 1900. The 1895 Sanborn map for Longmont does not include Block 41, indicating that no improvements had been built on this block by that time. The 1900 Sanborn map, though, depicts six dwellings on Kimbark Street in Block 41, including this house at 518 Kimbark Street. Sanborn maps for 1900, 1906, 1911, 1918, 1930 and 1956 all depict the dwelling, along with an outbuilding near the alley matching the footprint of the extant garage. This property served as a residence until the mid-1970s, when it was converted into a restaurant. As part of its conversion to a restaurant, the building was added onto and extensively altered.

30. Original location: **Yes**
Moved
Date of move(s) **n/a**

V. HISTORICAL ASSOCIATIONS

31. Original use(s): **Domestic / Single Dwelling**
32. Intermediate use(s): **Domestic / Multiple Dwelling**
33. Current use(s): **Commerce and Trade / Restaurant**
34. Site type(s): **Restaurant**

35. Historical Background

This building was constructed a few years before the turn of the twentieth century, and it served as a residence until the late 1970s when it was converted to commercial use. The building's earliest known occupants were B.F. and Zattie Jones, who lived here in the years surrounding 1906. The 1906 Longmont City Directory gives Jones' occupation as "Traveling Salesman." In the late 1910s, this was the residence of George W. and Jennie (Potter) Butler. Before moving into this house, the Butlers had previously resided at 423 Gay Street. In the early 1900s, George Butler worked as a clerk at Butler's Hardware Store, which, up until 1907, was owned by his father, Thomas Butler and was located at 312 Main Street. Thomas Butler (born 1845 and died 1927), was one of early Longmont's most influential businessmen. A native of New York, Thomas Butler came west as part of the Chicago Colony and established Longmont's first lumberyard in 1871. In 1880, Butler sold his interest in the lumberyard, and opened his hardware store on Main Street. The store was gutted by fire in 1905, but was soon rebuilt, and sold to F.F. Rodgers in 1907. George Butler's wife, Jennie (Potter) Butler, was the daughter of Dr. James H. and E.B. (Williams) Potter. A native of Pennsylvania, Dr. James Potter was seriously wounded while serving with the Union forces in the Civil War. He graduated from medical school in Cincinnati and practiced medicine in Illinois for seventeen years, before coming to Longmont in 1888. He continued to practice medicine here until he retired not long before his death in March 1913.

From the early 1920s, through the mid-1930s, this property was home to a succession of short-term residents. City directories then indicate that the building was converted into separate living spaces for three occupants. Miss Florence Uarda Nesbitt, a Longmont teacher, moved into the building in the early 1930s, and she subsequently lived here for nearly four decades. Born in Lyndon, Kansas, on September 27, 1892, Florence Nesbitt came to Longmont from Montrose, Colorado in 1920. She taught in several Longmont schools, from the early 1920s, until her retirement in 1958. In 1966, she moved from this house to Englewood to live with her sister, Mrs. Imogene Young. She passed away one year later, in September 1967, at the age of 74.

In the late 1950s, Miss. Naomi B. Gambill became a tenant in the building, continuing to live here until the early 1970s. Born May 26, 1910 in Longmont, Miss Gambill worked as a cashier for the Mountain Bell Telephone Company from 1946 to 1970. A long-time member of the "Telephone Pioneer Club," she passed away in August 1991.

In the mid-1970s, this building was converted to commercial use. In succession, it has been the Kimbark Inn, the Kimbark Coffee Company, Bomba's American Restaurant, and presently, Lucile's Creole Café.

36. Sources of Information

(Boulder County) "Real Estate Appraisal Card – Urban Master." On file at the Boulder Carnegie Library.

"Death Takes Mrs. Butler Early Today." *Longmont Times-Call*, October 26, 1940, p. 1.

"Former Area Teacher Dies in Denver." (Florence Uarda Nesbitt obituary) *Longmont Times-Call*, September 18, 1967, p. 1.

"Longmont Public School Personnel Honors Four Retiring Teachers At Banquet Here." *Longmont Times-Call*, May 17, 1958, p. 1.

"Miss Hobbs is Dean of Girls." *Longmont Times-Call*, September 22, 1937, p. 7.

"Naomi B. Gambill." (obituary) *Longmont Times-Call*, August 24, 1991, p. 15A.

Polk's Longmont City Directory, [generally published annually], Denver, Kansas City, and Salt Lake City: R.L. Polk and Company Publishers.

Polk's Longmont City Directory, [generally published annually], Denver, Kansas City, and Salt Lake City: R.L. Polk and Company, Publishers, 1966 - 1997.

Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps, dated December 1890, September 1895, November 1900, April 1906, June 1911, March 1918, June 1930, and May 1956.

They Came to Stay: Longmont, Colorado 1858-1920, Longmont: St. Vrain Valley Historical Association, 1971. (reference Thomas Butler family, p. 42, and James H. Potter family, p. 203.)

"Water Ledger City of Longmont, 1907-1910." On file at the Longmont Archives, Longmont Public Library.

VI. SIGNIFICANCE

37. Local landmark designation:

Yes

No **xx**

Date of Designation: **n/a**

38. **Applicable National Register Criteria**

A. Associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history;

B. Associated with the lives of persons significant in our past;

C. Embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or represents the work of a master, or that possess high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction;

D. Has yielded, or may be likely to yield information important in history or prehistory;

Qualifies under Criteria Considerations A through G (see Manual).

xx Does not meet any of the above National Register criteria.

City of Longmont Standards for Designation

2.56.040-A (1) The structure or district has character, interest or value, as part of the development, heritage or cultural characteristics of the city, state or nation.

2.56.040-A (2) The structure or district is the site of a historic event with an effect upon society.

2.56.040-A (3) The structure or district is identified with a person or group of persons who had some influence on society.

2.56.040-A (4) The structure or district exemplifies the cultural, political, economic, social or historic heritage of the community.

2.56.040-B (1) The structure or district portrays the environment of a group of people in an era of history characterized by a distinctive architectural style.

2.56.040-B (2) The structure or district embodies those distinguishing characteristics of an architectural type specimen.

2.56.040-B (3) The structure or district is the work of an architect or master builder whose individual work has influenced the development of Longmont.

2.56.040-C (1) The structure or district, because of being part of or related to a square, park or other distinctive area, should be developed or preserved according to a plan based on a historic, cultural or architectural motif.

2.56.040-C (2) The structure or district, due to its unique location or singular physical characteristics, represents an established and familiar visual feature of a neighborhood, community or the city.

xx Does not meet any of the above City of Longmont Standards for Designation.

39. Area(s) of Significance:

Architecture; Community Planning and Development; Ethnic Heritage / European

40. Period of Significance: **ca. 1898-1951**

41. Level of Significance:

National:

State:

Local: **XX**

42. Statement of Significance

This former residence is historically significant for its association with Longmont's residential development, from the late 1800s through the middle of the twentieth century. However, because the building was significantly altered when it was converted to commercial use in the 1970s, it is no longer able to convey a sense of its historic past. As a result, this property should be considered ineligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places, and ineligible for listing as a Longmont landmark. The property would also be regarded as a non-contributing resource within a National Register or local landmark historic district.

43. Assessment of historic physical integrity related to significance:

This physical integrity of this historic residence has been significantly impacted by additions to the structure when it was converted to commercial use, most recently a restaurant. The building has lost much of its integrity of materials, design, workmanship, feeling and association. The building is no longer able to convey a sense of its historic significance relative to the period of significance. The garage, however, appears minimally altered in recent years, and still retains a high degree of integrity.

VII. NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBILITY ASSESSMENT

44. National Register eligibility field assessment:

Eligible:

Not Eligible: **xx**

Need Data:

City of Longmont Local Landmark eligibility field assessment:

Eligible:

Not Eligible: **xx**

Need Data:

45. Is there National Register district potential?

Yes: **xx**

No:

Discuss: **The property is located one block west of the East Side Historic District, which is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. Properties in this area along Kimbark Street do have the potential to form a historic district of their own, or to be incorporated into the existing East Side Historic District.**

If there is National Register district potential, is this building:

Contributing:

Noncontributing: **xx**

46. If the building is in an existing National Register district, is it:

Contributing: **n/a**

Noncontributing: **n/a**

VIII. RECORDING INFORMATION

47. Photograph numbers:

Roll: **LONG-2**

Frame(s): **16-21**

Negatives filed at: **City of Longmont
Department of Community Development, Planning Division
Civic Center Complex
350 Kimbark Street
Longmont, Colorado 80501**

48. Report title: **East Side Neighborhood: Historic Context and Survey Report**

49. Date: **March 6, 2001**

50. Recorders: **Carl McWilliams and Karen McWilliams**

51. Organization: **Cultural Resource Historians**

52. Address: **1607 Dogwood Court
Fort Collins, Colorado 80525**

53. Phone number: **970/493-5270**